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SECTION B

FIVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL ATTACKED IN WALTERIA



UP IN THEM THAR MOUNTAINS... Their smiles revealing their anticipation of a week-end of outdoor fun, these Bachelorettes, newly-organized high school group, stopped at The Herald office late last week to pose for a picture before leaving for Big Pines. They returned Saturday evening with many stories to tell of their stay in the mountains. In the front row, top to bottom, are: Lois Hudson, Alta White, Doris Martin, Pauline Delsigne and Joan Blackhall. Behind them, top to bottom, are: Helen Miletich, Beverly Whitney, Ernestine Mauk and Rea Mae Haefeli.

STILL IN HORSE AGE
A total of 112 accidents in California last year involved motor vehicle smashups with horse-drawn vehicles.

PEARS PRODUCTIVE
Pears first grown in California in 1769 at Mission San Diego, now go to market from 52,801 acres in this state.

Authorities Appeal for Any Clues

Confronted with one of the foulest crimes ever perpetrated in this district—a criminal attack on a little five-year-old girl—Torrance police and deputy sheriffs reluctantly admitted today that their investigations so far have failed to uncover any lead to the identity of the degenerate.

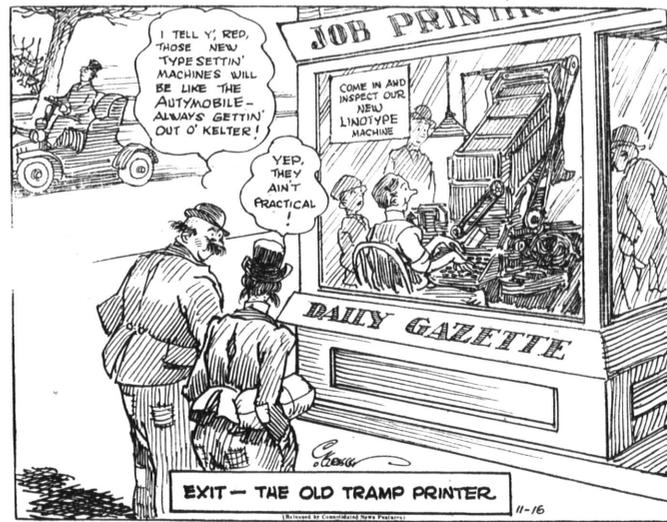
The child herself, because of her age, has been of little help to the authorities who, nevertheless, have been checking several angles of the case in the hope that some clue will develop which will put the sex-maniac behind bars.

Accosted by a man wearing dark glasses, apparently a white man, riding in a tan or light brown sedan or coach-type automobile, the little girl, who resides in Torrance, was taken to some place in or near the hills at Walteria or Palos Verdes and there attacked, Police Chief John Stroh reported.

Lured by 'Some Gum'
The crime occurred early Monday afternoon. The child was walking home on Narbonne avenue from the Lomita Elementary school where she attends the morning kindergarten session. Ordinarily her mother meets her at school in the family car but Monday the mother had to take the father to his work and so the little girl was walking home.

Lured by the promise of "some gum," the child entered the man's car and was driven to Highway 101. The man stopped his car across the street from a store which has not yet been located by police and sent the child across the traffic to buy her gum. When she returned, he drove to Walteria and parked

SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY



By C. KESSLER

CAMP SITE FOR KIDS PROPOSED

Boys and girls of Torrance are certainly not being overlooked by their elders these days, what with Christmas parties being planned right and left for their delight, others seeking to find additional entertainment in the way of an athletic center and now a completely equipped camp ground. The latter project made its appearance at city council meeting Tuesday night when a petition, signed by 97 residents, was read asking the city to consider purchase of necessary grounds for the site, erect an administration building, install comfort stations, fireplaces, pipe in water and gas mains and erect a flag pole.

It was suggested that the city should start such a project as soon as possible and add to it year by year for the benefit of both boys and girls, whether organized into groups or not. The petition was referred to the city recreational committee, headed by Councilman John V. Murray.

Need Site for Center
Murray jokingly protested about giving this matter to his committee, stating: "How do you figure? Mr. Mayor, that this comes under the Recreation committee? It means buying real estate and that's a financial matter. Besides, judging from the names on that petition, it looks like hot stuff to me—there's Mrs. Murray's name, and Mrs. Tolson's and Mrs. Powell's." Councilman James Hitchcock pointed out that part of the municipal park is reserved for a Boy and Girl Scouts hall and it may not be necessary to buy additional land for the suggested camp site. Councilman Tom McGuire reported on the progress being made toward establishing an athletic center. He said most of the equipment has

Around the City Council Table...

NO CARNIVAL... Altho the traveling show offered to pay the city \$100 for staging a week-long carnival here starting Dec. 18, the city council Tuesday night rejected its application for a permit. Councilman George V. Powell moved the offer be turned down after stating that "carnivals take considerable funds out of the city and people need all their extra dimes now for Christmas."

OFFER ARTIST SERVICE
Filed for future reference was an offer by B. I. Bradleigh of Hawthorne to paint murals in the civic buildings. Mayor William H. Tolson said: "This might be something we would want to consider later."

FOLLOW REQUESTS
Three recommendations from

the Chamber of Commerce were adopted by the council. The Municipal band was authorized to participate in the reception to Santa Claus here tomorrow night; police protection was authorized for the proposed temporary office of the State Motor Vehicle department when 1940 license plates are to be issued here again in January, and the chamber was notified that the council recommends endorsement of the refunding of Alondra Park's Mattoon Act debt. Mayor Tolson said the council will be called on later for its official endorsement of the refunding which has been unanimously approved by the Alondra Park Taxpayers' Association.

Police Chief John Stroh's recommendation, Angel Molinar was granted a permit to operate a combined poolhall and barber shop in the Pueblo. Stroh said Molinar had lived there 18 years and was a good citizen. Application of R. F. Burdette to operate a poolhall at 1214 El Prado was referred to the Police committee for action.

NO MEET HERE... Because Torrance could not accommodate the organization—the Civic Auditorium was booked on the date desired—there will be no December meeting of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities.

UNIFORM STRIPES... When the state division of highways

GRANT PERMIT... On

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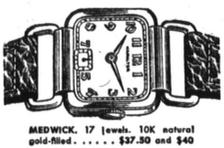
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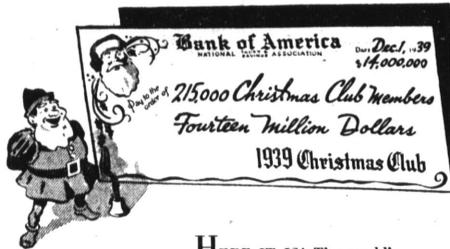
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